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MARYSVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 33 YEARS FOR PRODUCING AND POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that RICHARD MATUCK, 49, of Yuba County, California, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to 405 months (33.75 years) incarceration. The sentencing followed a hearing on August 7, 2007 during which the defendant pleaded guilty to three counts of production by a custodial person of visual depictions of his minor son engaged in sexually explicit conduct, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(b), and to one count of possession of such visual depictions, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)(B). In addition, the defendant has also agreed to forfeit the computer and camera media used in the offenses. The defendant agreed to accept a sentence of 405 months incarceration, in part, to reach a global resolution of the federal case and state criminal charges related to the molestation of his son that have been filed by the Yuba County District Attorney's Office.

This case is the product of an extensive joint investigation by the Marysville Police Department, Yuba County Sheriff's Office, Yuba County District Attorney's Office, and Federal Bureau of Investigation Chico Safe Streets Task Force as a part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). Project Safe Childhood is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children. For additional information on the PSC initiative, please go to www.projectsafechildhood.gov or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of

California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Laura L. Ferris and Kyle Reardon, who prosecuted the case, as part of his plea agreement, the defendant agreed to certain facts. Among these facts, that he produced images on July 10, 2005; August 17, 2005; and August 25, 2006 of his minor son (by marriage) engaged in sexually explicit conduct involving bondage and that he possessed in excess of 21,000 similar images, many taken in series, depicting the son trying to free himself from various kinds and degrees of bondage. While many of these images were created here in the Eastern District, a series was taken during a trip to Rome, Italy and then brought back to the United States.

The defendant is scheduled to appear in state court in Yuba County on October 19, 2007 for further proceedings related to the state charges of criminal molest.

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